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SUBJ: WI-75-0013 ALLEGED MURDER CONTRACT

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR ADDARIO AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR CONLON THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS THREAT TO DEA PERSONNEL REPORTED IN REFTEL. GIVEN GENERAL STATE OF LAWLESSNESS IN SOUTHREN THAILAND, WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THIS AFFAIR. WE BELIEVE THAT IN ADDITION TO PRECAUTIONARY STEPS BEING TAKEN BY DEA IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW AND ORDER IN THE SOUTH BE AWARE OF THE GRAVITY OF ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN AGAINST U.S. OFFICIAL PERSONNEL. ADDARIO WILL SEE POLICE MAJOR GENERAL SARASIN THIS MORNING WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER.

2. IN ACCTION TO THE MEASURES WHICH DEA WILL PUT INTO EFFECT THROUGH THESE CHANNELS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE TO HAVE GENERAL SAN CHITPATIMA BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE BY CONSUL CASTRODALE. THE WHOLE STORY SHOULD BE LAID OUT TO SAN AND HE SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN. WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT AMPHON CHITPATIMA, POLICE CHIEF, IS GENERAL SAN'S BROTHER AND WE BLIEVE THAT SAN PROBABLY HAS OBLIQUE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH HE CAN MAKE ITCLEAR THAT AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF A DEA SPECIAL AGENT WILL BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY HIS
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COMMAND AND BY THE RTG. IF CONSUL CASTRODALE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL HE SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE GOVERNOR.

3. PLEASE REPORT BY CABLE THE RESULTS OF YOUR CONVERSATION.
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